

ESHJR 4220 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Judiciary

1 Beginning on page 1, after line 2, strike all material through
2 "act." on page 2, line 1, and insert the following:

3 "THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
6 Article I, section 20 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to
7 read as follows:

8 Article I, section 20. All persons charged with crime shall be
9 bailable by sufficient sureties, except ((for capital offenses)) when
10 a person is charged with an offense involving the intentional death of
11 another, the intentional infliction of great bodily harm on another, a
12 choate sex offense for which the maximum sentence is the possibility of
13 life in prison, or an offense that may result in a mandatory life
14 sentence without the possibility of release upon conviction, or an
15 attempt to accomplish these offenses when the proof is evident, or the
16 presumption great, subject to such standards of release on bail as
17 shall be determined by the legislature.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause
19 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four
20 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal
21 newspaper in the state.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this act shall be known as the
23 Lakewood law enforcement memorial act."

EFFECT: Outlines crimes for which bail may be denied, including crimes that involve the intentional death of another, the intentional infliction of great bodily harm on another, a choate sex offense that may result in a maximum sentence of life in prison, or an offense that

may result in a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of release, or an attempt to accomplish these offenses. Provides that the legislature sets the standards for release for courts to follow in making decisions on whether to grant bail for these types of offenses.

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